

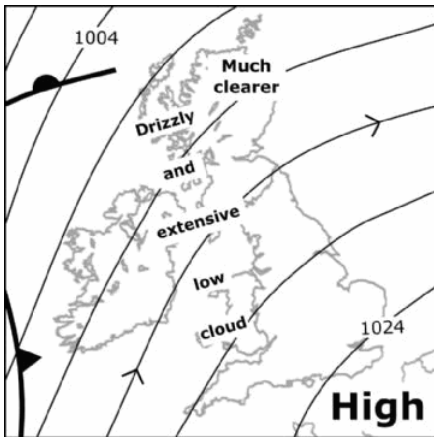
West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area includes Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, from Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Also Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Saturday, 30 November, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 30 November, 2024

Southerly winds widely gale force over higher terrain, very gusty to some lower slopes. Small amounts of rain in total, but generally damp on western hills with drizzle and light rain plus extensive low cloud. Clearer and largely dry toward the northeast of major hill groups. Mild air, but marked wind chill over the hills.

Headline for West Highlands

Upland gales, gusty. Damp, low cloud, locally drier NE Lochaber.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 30 November, 2024

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>South to southwesterly typically 50mph, but very gusty, some sudden gusts lower slopes.</p> <p>Strengthening further toward & after dusk, reaching 70mph late evening into night.</p> <p>Where exposed significant wind chill and difficult walking - balance sometimes difficult. Powerful gusts lower slopes.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Generally damp most of region, rain on and off</p> <p>Rain or drizzle most or all day across most hills, but particularly near coasts; total amounts small, but making surfaces very wet.</p> <p>More often dry north from Glen Spean and near Lochs Treig and Ossian.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Persistently very low coastal hills; breaking up in some areas inland</p> <p>Cloud from lowest slopes up near the coast. Widely 400 to 700m across Loch Lomond NP north to Rannoch Moor.</p> <p>Possibly much clearer toward Glen Spean and near Lochs Treig and Ossian.</p> <p>Almost nil much of region</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Mostly overcast and dull with poor visibility across the hills.</p> <p>Local sun breaking through north of major ranges toward northeast of Rannoch Moor.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>5C.</p> <p>Will feel near -10C directly in the wind.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 1 December	Monday 2 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 40 to 55mph in morning, but nearer 70mph Ben Nevis range up to dawn; speeds lessening to 25-35mph. Very blustery with considerable wind chill, arduous conditions on higher areas at least in the morning, some improvement.	Northerly around 30mph, but may drop much lighter during the afternoon. Prepare for bitterly cold conditions on the mountains. Some buffeting, but may improve during daytime.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain most frequent near coasts Rain on and off across the region, some heavier showery rain toward the coast, may become more constant heavier rain later in day. Smallest amounts inland toward Creag Meagaidh. Then snow showers on hills into night.	Occasional snow showers A few showers running down the west coast, occasionally moving into Lochaber from the northwest, falling as snow to 400-600m, locally lower inland.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive coasts, higher areas inland Covering coastal mountains above 600 to 800m throughout the day, lower at times in constant rain. Higher bases inland, often above 800m from Rannoch Moor north, higher breaks near/north of Glen Spean.	Patches on higher tops Drifting over higher tops above 800 to 1000m, mostly on north-facing Ben Nevis range and around showers toward the coast, briefly lower. Clearer well inland.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% coasts, to 30% inland/NE Lochaber.	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloudy overall. Slight haze toward coast. Visibility good well inland away from rain.	Frequent bright sunshine and very clear air, but visibility briefly reduced in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	4C, lowering during day, 2C by dusk toward west, then below 0C overnight. Daytime wind chill feeling like -10C. Above the summits all day, but dropping sharply by Sunday night, 800m or below before dawn on Monday, 600m Lochaber.	-2 to -4C. Wind chill feeling like -15C in the morning. 500 to 700m, highest near Arran; beware of icy surfaces. Soon frosty into glens by evening.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 1 December, 2024

After a mild weekend with strong southerly winds, it turns rapidly much colder again into Monday as winds switch temporarily northerly. Showers with snow falling over the mountains, to lower elevations in Scotland. Staying chilly with further periods of hill snow into midweek, but some windows of fine weather under transient areas of high pressure. Then later in the week through next weekend, a more turbulent southwesterly pattern, bringing stormy winds; fluctuating temperatures above and below freezing on the mountains with a mix of rain and upland snow.

Forecast issued at 15:00 on Friday, 29 November, 2024

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